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	Title	IMPROVED LACING SYSTEM
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner Action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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117	930	217	465	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,450	218	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,970	228	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,300	241	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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143	470	243	235	Design issue fee	
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126	240	126	240	Submission of Informational Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per Property (times number of properties)	
146	750	246	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	750	249	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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